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Title:	ROLL SUPPORT DEVICE FOR	)
	CONTINUOUS METALLIC STRIP	)
	CASTING	)
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

### Dear Sir/Madam:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified United States National Phase patent application, please amend as follows:

# **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A support device on a assembly (14) of a first and a second cooled casting rolls (11, 11') with a pair of plates (30, 30') abutted on each end of said pair of rolls (11, 11'), working as an ingot mould (10) for continuous metal strip casting, said first and second rolls (11, 11') having parallel axes and each of them being supported by at least one movable support element